

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mineral Springs Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH,

September 20, 21 and 22, 1895.

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## OFFICERS.

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G. W. RED, - - - - MODERATOR, - - - Birmingham, Ala.  
H. F. HANNAH, - CLERK AND TREASURER, - - - Morris, Ala.

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The next session will be held with Enon Baptist Church, at Morris, Jefferson county, Ala., on the L. and N. R. R., commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1896.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Moderator call the delegates to order and hear the introductory.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks and have letters read.
4. Elect the various officers for the year.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondents from other Associations.
8. Appoint return correspondents.
9. Appoint the different committees, to-wit :
  - On Devotion.
  - On Sabbath Schools.
  - On Documents.
  - On State of Religion.
  - On Temperance.
  - On Superannuated Ministers.
  - On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
  - On Missions.
  - On Education.
  - On Finance.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Call for report of standing committees.
12. Appoint standing committees.
13. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
14. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.
15. Offer thanks and other miscellany.

## MINUTES.

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The third annual session of the Mineral Springs Association assembled with Liberty Baptist Church at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, September 20, 1895.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, W. C. McLaughlin.

The introductory sermon was to have been preached by Rev. W. D. Shaw, but Rev. N. B. Williams, from the Birmingham Association, being present, was invited to preach in Bro. Shaw's place. He preached an able and interesting sermon from the texts, John 16 and 7, Luke 24 and 49 (last clause), Acts 2 and 1.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by W. C. McLaughlin, who read 134th division of the Psalms. Prayer by W. C. McLaughlin.

Called for letters, and appointed Rev. J. H. Pool and Bro. W. J. Carlisle reading clerks. Letters were read from the various churches and the following delegates were enrolled as members of this body:

### CHURCHES WITH DELEGATES.

Antioch—W. W. Statum, S. W. Sims, S. L. Waldrop.

Chalibeate Springs—Elders W. C. McLaughlin and J. A. Monerief, and Bros. F. A. Elliott and W. T. Massey.

Mt. Olive—J. E. Good, Samuel E. Easter and A. J. Hancock.

Second Baptist Church of Coalburg—Rev. W. C. Wingo and Bros. A. W. Smith, Garvin Smith and J. M. Hall.

Springdale—J. S. Jernigan, A. J. Sharrit, and J. S. Connell, alternate.

Watts' Union—W. D. Shaw, T. B. Crane, and E. G. Bibb, J. L. Jolly, alternates.

New Bethel—Bos. R. C. Gratehouse, S. H. M. Fortner, S. J. Creel, and J. T. Creel, Will Morgan and G. B. Powell, alternates.

Liberty—J. V. Creel, J. N. Gilbert, I. J. Hannah, J. M. Doss, and H. F. Hannah, alternate.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, G. W. Red; Clerk and Treasurer, H. F. Hannah.

The Moderator appointed a devotional committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Pool and the deacons of Liberty church and E. G. Bibb and R. C. Gratehouse.

Moderator called for new churches, and on motion received Enon church and her delegates, J. C. Gillespie, I. J. Rogers and C. E. Ethridge; Hopewell—R. C. Higginbotham, W. C. Franklin, J. M. Proctor and W. R. Marsh; Pleasant Valley—Jesse Williams, Burl Curl, Jno. West.

On motion, Rev. N. B. Williams and J. H. Pool were received as correspondents from Birmingham Association.

On motion, any member of this body going to any other Association will be recognized as a corresponding delegate, if they have a minute of this Association with them.

Report of the devotional committee: Rev. G. W. Red will preach at Morris to-night and S. L. Waldrop at this place.

On motion, we amend the Constitution to read as follows: All ordained ministers may be sent as delegates in addition to the number allowed to each church.

*Committee on Sabbath Schools*.—Rev. S. L. Waldrop and Bros. J. M. Doss and Burl Curl.

*Committee on Documents*.—Bros. A. J. Sharrit, R. C. Gratehouse and J. V. Creel.

*Committee on State of Religion*.—Bros. Thomas Creel, S. H. M. Fortner and Jesse Williams.

*Committee on Temperance*.—S. L. Waldrop, T. A. Elliott and W. C. McLaughlin.

*Committee on Superannuated Ministers*.—S. J. Creel, T. A. Elliott and Burl Curl.

*Committee on Missions*—R. C. Gratehouse, William Morgan and J. C. Gillespie.

*Committee on Education*—J. A. Moncrief, John West and J. M. Hall.

*Committee on Finance*—J. V. Creel, E. G. Bibb and C. E. Ethridge.

On motion, this body grants Springdale church a letter of dismission from this body to unite with Birmingham Association

On motion, we receive the request of Birmingham Association to unite with them and appoint as committee to investigate the matter, R. C. Gratehouse, S. L. Waldrop, J. M. Dess, W. D. Shaw and W. C. McLaughlin.

Minutes read and received. Adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday morning.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

House called to order by the Moderator, G. W. Red, at 9:30 a. m.

After singing, Rev. J. H. Pool read the first division of the Psalms and offered prayer.

Bro. John Morgan was received as a delegate from Watts' Union. Bro. Williamson Franklin was received as a correspondent from Birmingham Association.

On motion, received the report of the committee appointed to investigate the request from the Birmingham Association to join them, which was adopted with amendment:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION.

We, your Committee on Investigation, respectfully submit the following report: With due respect to the Birmingham Association, we, as a body of Mineral Springs Association, wish to remain as the same.

W. D. SHAW, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on State of Religion, respectfully submit the following report: We find by reading the let-

ters of this Association that nearly all our churches have lively Sabbath schools and prayer meetings, and religion in most of our churches is in a prosperous condition; they have had good revivals and many souls have been added to the churches of this Association. Pray on, brethren, that this well begun work may continue in the bounds of our Association till all may be converted, and that there be not one left to advocate the cause of the wicked one, is the prayer of your humble servants.

J. V. CREEL, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following report: We, as the Missionary Baptists of this body, do not affiliate with regular dram drinking members of our churches. We should be temperate in all things. Brethren, you will adhere to our report.

W. C. McLAUGHLIN, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, respectfully submit the following report: It is unfortunate that we have to make this report in so short a time, being appointed on this committee after this body convened. Also, we feel that there should have been separate committees on State, Home and Foreign Missions, but we are requested to report on missions as a whole. We feel sure that the mission spirit is growing in the hearts of our people, although we see that many of our churches are doing comparatively nothing for missions; but we believe it is for want of better organization and a more systematic form of work in our churches. Some of our country churches need good leaders in organizing the young people. We think this body should be in full sympathy with the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and the churches should be instructed from the pulpit, as well as from religious literature, on the subject of foreign missions. We recommend to our members the *Foreign Mission Journal*, printed at

Richmond, Va., also the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., which is doing a good work in the United States and Cuba, and we ought to stand close and firm to this branch of our work. It has done a wonderful work in Cuba. We also recommend the *Home Field*, published at Atlanta, Ga., to every one on this work of the home field. Coming nearer home to us, we find that the State Board of Missions of our noble State is doing a good work all over the State. It has good and worthy men employed in the most important fields in cities, towns and country. Even in the bounds of our own Association we feel the effects of the work of Brethren Glenn and O'Hara, who are working under the direction of the State Board of Missions. We feel it our duty to recommend the hearty co-operation of all churches, Sunday schools, Ladies' Societies, Young People's Unions and Associations. With the State Board of Missions, Bro. W. B. Crumpton, the secretary of the board, will receive and receipt for any amount at any time, and we ought not to wait until the annual meeting of the Association to raise our mission money, but let us go home from here and commence now and work all the year as (what we claim to be) missionaries, and the next annual meeting of this body will prove itself to be a missionary body, bringing in the sheaves.

Let every family take the *Alabama Baptist*, published at Montgomery, Ala.

We insist that every church in this Association have a Missionary Day in their Sunday schools. The Missionary Day in the Sunday school last year proved to be a pleasant and profitable occasion. A great many schools all over our Southern country had missionary exercises on that day, and the minds and hearts of many thousands of teachers, scholars, and parents as well, were filled with the thought of missions—the sending of the gospel into destitute regions of our own and other lands. Many thousands on that day thought and talked and prayed and gave for this glorious work. We know certainly of about \$6,000 having been raised by the schools on that day, and if we could have had full returns from all the

schools that observed that day we are sure the amount would have reached to between seven and eight thousand dollars. A goodly sum to have been gathered for missions—much of it in pennies; and it came at a time when both boards, Home and Foreign, were greatly needing money. But beyond and above the money income, the exercises of that day were valuable for their educational influence. It was a day for the turning of attention to the Lord's work among the destitute, and in some cases reported to us it was the beginning of missionary interest and missionary effort in whole schools. Again this year, the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention propose to ask schools to consider missions and to give something for the furtherance of the work as before. The programs will be furnished by the Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., but all the money will go to the Home and Foreign Missions. Programs, cards, etc, will be furnished free to all schools desiring them. The day selected for their use is September 29th, though schools can select their own day. For information as to supplies, address Rev. T. P. Bell, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. R. C. GRATEHOUSE, Chairman.

This subject was ably discussed by Revs. N. B. Williams and J. H. Pool.

On motion, adjourned one hour for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator G. W. Red called the house to order, and prayer was offered by Bro. D. B. Franklin.

The subject of missions was again taken up and discussed by Revs. J. H. Pool and W. D. Shaw.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

On motion, it was adopted and laid over until Sunday for discussion:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following report: We first find by reading the letters of this Association that some of our churches have



active Sabbath schools, while others are very dull concerning this grand work. We do insist that all of the churches enter into this grand and glorious work, as it is part of the Master's commission.

“Wake, workers of Jesus! the Master is calling;  
The fields are all bending with grain;  
O, where are the reapers who gather the harvest?  
Among them there is room, come enter the train.”

S. L. WALDROP, Chairman.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Documents was read and adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, respectfully submit the following report: Enon Baptist Church asks that the next annual session of the Association convene with them. And for convenience, meet on Friday before the third (3d) Sunday in September. A. J. SHARRIT, Chairman

On motion, the ministers' and deacons' meeting will be held with Antioch church, at Lynn's Crossing, 19 miles west of Birmingham, on the G. P. R. R., commencing on Friday before the third (3d) Sunday in May, 1896

On motion, the first district meeting will convene with Hopewell church, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1895, five (5) miles north of Mt. Pinson, Ala.

On motion, the second district meeting will convene with New Hope church, seven miles west of Birmingham, Ala., commencing on Friday before the fourth (4th) Sunday in May, 1896.

On motion, the report on Education was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: We believe that upon the education of the youth of the country depends our future moral and material welfare. Education consists not in the stock of information gathered as much as upon the moral training of the man. It

is the great civilizer. Bringing the people out of the ruts of ignorance and prejudice, it places them upon the broad plane of investigation and of social and moral fellowship. We urge upon the churches within our Association the importance of seeing that good schools are conducted within these bounds.

J. A. MONCRIEF, Chairman.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Finance was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully submit the following report:

CHURCHES	Minutes	Associational Expenses	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Total
Antioch.....	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 70	\$ 2 70
Chalybeate Springs.....	2 00	\$ 50		2 00	4 50
Coalburg (Second Baptist Church).....	60			50	1 10
Enon.....	1 50	75	12 10		4 35
Hopewell.....	1 50		4 50		6 00
Liberty.....	1 60		1 25	2 00	4 85
Mt. Olive.....	1 05				1 05
New Hope.....	1 25				1 25
New Bethel.....	2 00				2 00
Pleasant Valley.....	1 50	50		50	2 50
Springdale.....	83		1 60		2 43
Watts' Union.....	1 50				1 50
Public Collection.....		2 45	2 68		5 13
Total.....	\$16 33	\$ 4 20	\$12 13	\$ 6 70	\$39 36

On motion, all Associational funds be applied to the Clerk for his service.

Report of Committee on Superannuated Ministers read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Superannuated Ministers, respectfully submit the following report: We find none of our old veterans needing help within the bounds of our

Association. Glad to know that God is blessing his old veterans. S. J. CREEL, Chairman. .

The Moderator appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—R. C. Gratehouse, John West, I. J. Hannah, T. A. Elliott, T. S. Teer.

State Missions—S. H. M. Fortner, E. G. Bibb, I. J. Rogers.

Home Missions—C. E. Ethridge, J. C. Gillespie, S. J. Creel.

Foreign Missions—W. D. Shaw, J. M. Doss, Burl Curl.

Colporteurage—S. L. Waldrop, J. A. Moncrief.

Ministerial Education—T. A. Elliott, W. C. McLaughlin.

Sunday Schools—B. F. Hughes, J. A. Owens, I. A. Creel.

Temperance—J. H. Pool, Robert Marsh.

Rev. S. L. Waldrop was appointed to preach the introductory sermon of the next Association, and Rev. J. A. Moncrief, alternate.

Rev. W. D. Shaw was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the ministers' and deacons' meeting.

Rev. J. A. Moncrief was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the first district meeting and Rev. J. H. Pool at the second district.

On motion, we ask Bro. W. B. Crumpton to preach the missionary sermon at the next annual meeting of the Association.

On motion, the minutes were read and adopted, with amendments.

On motion, we have 400 copies of these minutes printed. Adjourned until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator called the house to order at 9:30 a. m.

Rev. S. L. Waldrop read the 33d Psalm and offered prayer.

This being the hour appointed to discuss the report on Sabbath schools, it was taken up and ably discussed by S. L. Waldrop, J. H. Pool, W. D. Shaw and R. C. Gratehouse.

The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to correspond with the State Board and make arrangements to do some colporteurage work in the bounds of our Association, adopting any plan best suited to the work. Respectfully,

JOHN H. POOL.

*Be it Resolved*, 1st. That we apportion to each church in our Association a fair apportionment.

*Resolved*, 2d. That we do all we can in all branches of our church work to raise the amount asked for by the State Board.

APPORTIONMENT.

Hopewell.....	\$25 00
Liberty .....	25 00
Enon.....	25 00
New Bethel.....	25 00
Chalybeate Springs.....	20 00
Pleasant Valley.....	20 00
Watts' Union.....	15 00
Antioch.....	15 00
New Hope.....	15 00
Mt. Olive.....	15 00
Chalcedonia.....	10 00
Second Baptist Church of Coalburg.....	5 00

Respectfully,

J. H. POOL.

Resolution by S. H. M. Fortner :

*Resolved*, That we, the members composing the Mineral Springs Association, tender our thanks to the citizens in the community of Liberty church for their kind and Christian hospitality to us while among them during this session.

On motion, the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

After a few minutes intermission the missionary sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Red from Mark, 16th chapter and 16th verse: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

On motion, this Association stands adjourned until Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1896.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Minutes	Associational Purposes	Sunday School Expenses	Other Benevo- lences	Total	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, etc	Value of Build- ings and Fur- niture
Antioch	\$ 1 70		\$ 1 00				\$ 2 70			
Chalybeate Springs	2 00		2 00	50			4 50			
Chalcedonia				50			1 10			
Coalburg (Second Baptist Church)	60			75	\$ 6 00		4 35		\$ 10 00	\$ 250 00
Enon		\$ 2 10	1 50				6 00	\$ 34 80		
Hopewell		4 50	1 50				4 85	30 80		500 00
Liberty	2 00	1 25	1 60				1 05			
Mt. Olive			1 05				1 25			
New Hope			1 25				2 00			
New Bethel			2 00				2 50	70 00	7 65	
Pleasant Valley			1 50	50	\$ 15 10		2 43			
Springdale	50		1 50				1 50	50 00		
Watts' Union		1 60	83		5 60					
Mt. Pisgah	X	X	1 50							4 00
Brookside										
Mineral Springs										

6.80 } 9.45 } 15.73 } 2.25 } 11.60 } 15.11 } 17.98 } 185.60 } 1765 } 75-4.

STATISTICS OF MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	Increase by				Decrease by			Present Membership	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address	Preaching Sabbaths
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death							
Antioch	Jeffers'n	S. L. Waldrop.		Lynn	Cr'ing	2	1	3	24								
Brookside	"	W. C. McLaughlin	J. G. Jacks.	New	Castle.	1	6	7	43								
Chaubybeate Spr'gs	"					2	7	1	31								
Coalburg (2d B. C.)	"																
Enon	"	J. H. Pool	T. S. Rogers	Morris.		75	1	1	73								
Hopewell	"	J. H. Pool	J. M. Marsh	Gurley	C'k	87	4	2	84								
Liberty	"	J. H. Pool	J. M. Creel	Morris.		110	3	6	112								
Mt. Olive	"		J. B. McCormack	Brookside.		1	1	1	24								
Mt. Pisgah	"					10			10								
New Bethel	"	W. J. Lee	J. I. Caddell	Warrior.		15	4	3	101								
New Hope	"					55			55								
Pleasant Valley	"	G. W. Red	S. B. West	Ishkooda		5	4	1	56								
Springdale	"	M. T. Branham	J. C. Draper	Warrior.		58	3	1	42								
Watts Union	"	T. P. Holcomb	J. L. Jolly			48	12	8	27								
Chalcedonia	"					35			35								
Mineral Springs	"																

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